GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Medical Assistance Program
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Senior Deputy Director
for Health Care Finance

TO: All District of Columbia Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Waiver Providers

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DATE: August 4, 2003

SUBJECT: Transition of D.C. Specific Local Codes to HIPAA Compliant Codes

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The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is required to achieve compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) mandated transaction standards, code sets and identifiers by October 16, 2003.

MAA had devised many local codes for the District's Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) Waiver providers to accommodate special needs and circumstances; however, the HIPAA transactions, code sets and identifiers rules do not permit the use of local code values after October 16, 2003. MAA has cross-walked all active MRDD Waiver local codes to standard codes.

To assist the District's Medicaid MRDD Waiver providers with the transition to standard codes, MAA has enclosed an Attachment that provides a crosswalk between the current local codes and standard codes. A copy of the revised MRDD Waiver Provider billing manual will be provided separately. Additionally, the proposed transition from local codes to standard codes will not change the current reimbursement payment(s) for the District Medicaid MRDD Waiver providers.

Please note that, effective August 31, 2003 MAA will discontinue the use of current local codes for the MRDD Waiver providers. Medicaid claims submitted by the District of Columbia MRDD Waiver providers for services rendered on or after September 1, 2003 should be submitted using only the standard codes.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this transmittal, please call MAA's Fiscal Agent, ACS State Healthcare's Provider Relations Inquiry Desk at (866) 752-9233.

Attachment: Local Code Crosswalk – MRDD Waiver Providers